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SUBJ: PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ TELLS POLES OF NEED TO IMPORT OVER
\$600 MILLION IN GRAIN NEXT YEAR

1. PREMIER PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ, IN HIS SPEECH CELEBRATING THE
40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETAIL FOOD COOPERATIVE "SPOLEM,"
REFERRED TO THE NEED TO IMPORT OVER \$600 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRAIN
AND FODDER NEXT YEAR "IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS"
WHICH POLAND IS FACING. THE PREMIER SAID IT WOULD BE NECESSARY
TO "MOBILIZE THE FULL RESOURCES AND STRENGTH OF THE ENTIRE ECONOMY"
TO DEAL WITH THESE AGRICULTURAL DIFFICULTIES.

2. JAROSZEWICZ ALSO PRAISED SPOLEM FOR THE RAPID EXPANSION OF
ITS RETAIL FOOD OUTLETS AND RESTAURANT-SNACKBAR CHAIN, WHICH,
HE SAID, PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE "IN COMBATTING SPECULATIVE
PRACTICES" OF THOSE SEEKING TO EXPLOIT THE DEFICIT IN SUPPLY OF
SOME AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

3. COMMENT: THE PREMIER'S STATEMENT, WHICH WAS REPORTED IN THE
OCTOBER 24 ISSUE OF TRIBUNA LUDU, IS CLEARLY AN EFFORT TO
ASSURE PRIVATE FARMERS, AND THE POLISH CONSUMER IN GENERAL, THAT
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THE GOVERNMENT IS DEALING WITH THE COUNTRY'S FOOD PROBLEMS.
THE CITING OF A SPECIFIC COST (2 BILLION FOREIGN EXCHANGE ZLOTIES,
OR OVER \$600 MILLION) IS THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR THAT IMPORT
REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN LISTED PUBLICLY IN VALUE, RATHER THAN
VOLUME, TERMS. THIEAIS PROBABLY AN EFFORT TO IMPRESS THE POLISH
CONSUMER WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS AND THE
NEED FOR CONTINUED BELT-TIGHTENING. END COMMENT.

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